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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF DND DIRECTOR MARTENS

REF: ANKARA 1890 (NOTAL)

1. MARTENS, A PHYSICIAN/PSYCHIATRIST, SWEDISH, WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN OCTOBER 1972 AND ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC ONE YEAR AGO. HE ATTENDS ECOSOC MEETINGS DEALING WITH DRUG MATTERS IN BOTH CAPACITIES. MARTENS IS STRONG ADVOCATE OF DRUG CONTROL. MISGUIDED STATEMENT HE MADE IN CND IN INTRODUCING OPIUM QUESTION WAS UNCHARACTERISTIC OF HIM AND CAME AS SURPRISE. WE DO NOT KNOW MOTIVATION FOR HIS REMARKS. OUR GUESS IS THAT HE DECIDED, ON BAD ADVICE CERTAIN OF HIS STAFF, THAT IT WAS INCUMBENT ON HIM AS NEUTRAL PARTY TO OUTLINE TO CND ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR COPING WITH INCREASING CODEINE REQUIREMENTS, WHETHER CERTAIN OF THEM MADE SENSE OR NOT AND EVEN THOUGH SOME WERE INCONSISTENT WITH DRUG CONTROL POLICY LEAGUE/UN HAVE BEEN PURSUING FOR MANY YEARS.

2. ALTERNATIVE OF COUNTRIES RESUMING OR STARTING OPIUM PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT (PARTICULARLY COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR INABILITY TO CONTROL) IS DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO POLICY OF INCB, ORGAN CREATED BY NARCOTICS TREATIES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TREATIES' IMPLEMENTATION. THIS CONSISTENT POLICY OF BOARD, IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND TREATIES' INTENTION, HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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TO REDUCE NUMBER OF PRODUCERS TO SMALLEST POSSIBLE NUMBER IN ORDER

TO FACILITATE MAXIMUM CONTROL AND REDUCE DANGER OF LEAKAGE INTO ILLICIT TRAFFIC. IN HIS STATEMENT BEFORE CND, INCB PRESIDENT GREENFIELD INSISTED THAT IN EFFORT MEET CURRENT NEEDS FOR CONSUMPTION AND PROMOTE REPLENISHMENT OF STOCKS OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS, OVER-RIDING CONSIDERATION MUST BE MAINTENANCE OF STRICT SAFEGUARDS OVER PRODUCTION SUCH SUBSTANCES. GREENFIELD STRESSED THAT THIS WAS PURPOSE OF CURTAILMENT OF AREAS OF LICIT PRODUCTION OF OPIUM POPPY AND THIS PURPOSE MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY MAINTAINED.

3. IN REGARD TO TURKEY, INCB FOR LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAS STRESSED BENEFIT OF OPIUM BAN AS MAJOR FACTOR IN REDUCTION OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND THIS POINT MADE IN GREENFIELD'S STATEMENT BEFORE CND AGAIN THIS YEAR WHEN HE PRESENTED BOARD'S REPORT FOR 1973. MOREOVER, DURING DEBATE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC ITEM NUMBER OF SPEAKERS STRESSED EXCELLENT EFFECT OF TURKISH BAN IN ALLIEVIAATING ILLICIT TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

4. IN ANY EVENT, DURING COURSE DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 9 (OPIUM QUESTION), WITH EXCEPTION OF ORAKZAI'S OFFER TO EXPORT EXCESS OPIUM GROWN UNDER LICENSE( WHICH NO SPEAKER ENDORSED) AND KIRCA'S RESERVATION OF GOT POSITION, NO SPEAKER INDICATED ANY INTEREST IN DIRECTION SUPPORT UNACCEPTABLE OPTIONS CITED BY MARTENS, AND MOST INSISTED ON NEED COPE WITH CODEINE AVAILABILITY PROBLEM ON BASIS MAXIMUM PRODUCTION FROM MINIMUM ACERAGE. ALL SPEAKERS SUPPORTED INCB POSITION THAT STRICTEST POSSIBLE CONTROLS CONSTITUTED OVER-RIDING FACTOR. CND REPORT STATES THAT: "MANY DELEGATES FELT THERE WAS DANGER INHERENT IN EXTENDING OPIUM PRODUCTION FOR LICIT PURPOSES TO NEW COUNTRIES WHICH SO FAR HAVE NOT PRODUCED OPIUM FOR EXPORT BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF ENCOURAGING DIVERSION INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS, AND THAT FOCUS OF ATTENTION SHOULD BE ON INCREASING YIELD PER HECTARE AND ON BETTER PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES COMBINED WITH EFFORTS TO DISCOVER, AND USE VARIETIES WHICH HAD HIGH MORPHINE CONTENT". CONSENSUS WAS THAT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM PRODUCTION ON MINIMUM ACERAGE AND THEREBY FACILITATE CONTROL, RESEARCH, NOTABLY ON POPPY STRAW, SHOULD BE PURSUED INTENSIVELY AND URGENTLY UNDER AUSPICES UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

4. IN SHORT, IT CAN BE CONTENTED THAT MARTENS OUTLINED THEORETICAL OPTIONS TO MEET INCREASING NEED FOR CODEINE, INCLUDING SOME

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UNACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES WHICH ARE NOT IN LINE WITH POLICY OF COMPETENT TREATY ORGAN AND WHICH WERE NEITHER PURSUED NOR ENDORSED BY CND AND THEREFORE HAVE NO STANDING.

5. RE REFTTEL, WE HOPE FOREGOING MAY BE OF USE IN EVENT TURKS REFER TO MARTENS' UNFORTUNATE REMARKS. DALE

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